

From: Center for Food Safety [action@foodsafetynow.org]  
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2001 1:57 AM  
To: FDA Commissioner  
Cc: president@whitehouse.gov; vice.president@whitehouse.gov  
;  
fdadockets@oc.fda.gov; fdadockets@oc.fda.gov  
Subject: Oppose the New FDA Regulations on GE Foods!

FDA Commissioner  
Dockets Management Branch (HFA 305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fisher's Lane, rm. 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598

Dear FDA,

I am concerned by your new policies on genetically engineered (GE) foods.

Despite overwhelming consumer demand, your agency still fails to require safety testing and mandatory labeling for GE foods. Your "notification"

policy is an insult to consumers, and irresponsibly ignores strong

scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks

to GE foods. You should be aware that these foods could be toxic, could

cause allergic responses, could have lower nutrition value, could

compromise immune responses in consumers, and could cause irreparable

damage to the environment.

I am also greatly opposed to your new "voluntary labeling" policy, which

denies consumers a basic right to know. Without mandatory labeling,

neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or

*emc 424*

toxic reaction was the result of a genetically engineered food. Consumers will also be deprived of the critical knowledge they need to hold food producers liable should any of these novel foods prove hazardous.

Your proposed rules ignore serious concerns, and appear to be a decision made to convenience industry at the expense of public health and the environment. I will not accept your attempt to make me a guinea pig of these untested foods, and I trust you will take my concern along with the thousands of others into serious consideration.

Sincerely, william pierce

william kent  
4918 nw 93rd ave  
gainsville, fl, 32653

CC:  
The President  
Vice President Dick Cheney  
FDA Dockets Management [Docket No. 00N-1396]  
Senator Bob Graham  
Senator Bill Nelson  
Representative Karen L. Thurman  
FDA Dockets Management [Docket No. 00D-1598]

To the recipient -- this fax/email message has come to you via the Center for Food Safety web site -- a public tool for providing input on food safety issues. The user/site visitor had complete control over editing the

content of this message. Thus, the opinions expressed in this message are not necessarily those of CFS or its parent organization, IC TA. Please contact CFS at (202)547-9359 or email [office@centerforfoodsafety.org](mailto:office@centerforfoodsafety.org) with any questions. Thank you.

---

This letter was composed at [www.foodsafetynow.org](http://www.foodsafetynow.org), a web site maintained

by:

The Center for Food Safety, 666 Pennsylvania Ave, SE, Suite 302

Washington, DC 20003

PH: (202)547-9359 Fax: (202)547-9429

Email: [office@centerforfoodsafety.org](mailto:office@centerforfoodsafety.org)

web: [www.centerforfoodsafety.org](http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org)